verified before further appropriate action in the matter is taken.

Report alleging madrasas a threat to national security

4011. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th August, 2001 under the caption, "Shahi Imams flay report on Madrasas";

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of the report which alleged that the Madrasas posed a threat to national security; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to national interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Group of Ministers (GoM) have submitted its report titled "Reforming the National Security System". Copies of the aforesaid report have been placed in the Parliament Library and the details of observations and recommendations made by the GoM are available therein.

GoM have made a recommendation that for bringing Madrasas into mainstream with the benefits of the modern education system, the State Government should provide support for free supply of text-books up to the primary school level, training of Madrasa teachers in teaching of mathematics, science and Urdu and other languages etc. A Central Advisory Board may be set up for madrasa education instead of leaving this critical matter to different State Level Advisory Boards. The concerned Ministry has been advised to take appropriate action in the matter.

Grant of Indian citizenship to citizen of Pakistan origin

†4012. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of citizens of Pakistani origin who have been granted Indian citizenship and settled in Kutch and other districts of Gujarat;

(b) the criteria adopted for granting citizenship;

(c) whether Government had studied the repercussions on the security of the region before taking a decision, if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.